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FM AMEMBASSY HARARE  
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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM  
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AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO  
AMEMBASSY MASERU  
AMEMBASSY MBABANE  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
AMEMBASSY WINDHOEK

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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE: 1991 ANNUAL TERRORISM REPORT

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11. EMBASSY'S SUBMISSION FOR THE ANNUAL TERRORISM  
REPORT, AS OUTLINED REFTTEL, FOLLOWS.

1A. PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM  
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12. THERE WERE NO PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING TERRORISM IN  
11991. IN OCTOBER, FOUR CONVICTED SABOTEURS BEGAN LEGAL  
ACTION TO SUE THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE AND A  
TELEVISION PRESENTER OVER INTERVIEWS THEY CLAIM THEY  
WERE FORCED TO GIVE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S DESTABLILIZATION  
CAMPAIGN AGAINST ZIMBABWE. ATTORNEYS FOR THE  
FOUR--KEVIN WOODS, MICHAEL SMITH, AND PHILLIP CONJWAYO,  
WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE  
BOMBING OF AN AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) RESIDENCE  
IN THE WESTERN CITY OF BULAWAYO IN 1986, AND BARRY  
BAWDEN, WHO WAS JAILED IN THE SAME YEAR FOR HELPING  
SOUTH AFRICAN COMMANDOS RAID ANC OFFICES--LODGED PAPERS  
IN THE HIGH COURT IN HARARE SEEKING AN URGENT INTERDICT  
AGAINST THE INTERVIEWS BEING BROADCAST.

13. THE AFFIDAVITS SUBMITTED BY THE FOUR MEN CLAIM THEY  
WERE TAKEN SEPARATELY FROM THEIR CELLS AND THRUST UNDER  
TELEVISION LIGHTS AND INTERVIEWED BY JERRY BRICKHILL, A  
VETERAN ANTI-APARTHEID ACTIVIST WHO WAS SEVERELY INJURED  
IN A BOMB BLAST IN HARARE IN 1987. BRICKHILL IS SUING  
THE FOUR INDEPENDENTLY FOR CIVIL DAMAGES, ALLEGING THEY  
WERE INVOLVED IN THE BOMB BLAST THAT WOUNDED HIM. THE  
FOUR CLAIM THAT IN THEIR AFFIDAVITS THAT WARDERS  
SUGGESTED THEY MIGHT BE RELEASED IF THEY COOPERATED WITH  
BRICKHILL, WHO INTERVIEWED THEM FOR BRITISH TELEVISION.  
THEY ARE SEEKING A COURT ORDER TO HAVE THE TAPES AND  
TRANSCRIPTS OF THE INTERVIEW RETURNED TO THEM, AS WELL  
AS AN INTERDICT PREVENTING ANY FURTHER INVASION OF THEIR  
PRIVACY. AN AFFIDAVIT FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
OFFICE DENIES THAT ANY PRISON REGULATIONS WERE FLOUTED  
DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE INTERVIEWS, BUT LAWYERS  
REPRESENTING MR. BRICKHILL SAY THE FOUR SABOTEURS  
COOPERATED WILLINGLY. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE  
HEARING.

1B. EXTRADITION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS  
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14. ZIMBABWE NEITHER EXTRADITED NOR REQUESTED  
EXTRADITION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS IN 1991.

1C. SIGNIFICANT IMPEDIMENTS TO PROSECUTION AND EXTRADITION  
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15. THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT IMPEDIMENTS TO HOST  
GOVERNMENT PROSECUTION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS.  
HOWEVER, ZIMBABWE DOES NOT HAVE EXTRADITION TREATIES  
WITH MANY NON-COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

#### 1D. ZIMBABWE'S RESPONSE TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

16. DURING AND AFTER THE CONFLICT IN THE GULF, THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE PROVIDED ARMED SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROTECT MANY EMBASSIES, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN MISSION. TWO IRAQIS SUSPECTED OF PLOTTING A TERRORIST ACT AGAINST THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WERE DEPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN JANUARY.

17. ONLY ONE TERRORIST INCIDENT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN ZIMBABWE IN 1991. A SMALL BOMB EXPLODED INSIDE THE HARARE SHERATON HOTEL ON JULY 20, CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE HOTEL'S FIRST THREE FLOORS, WHICH HOUSE RESTAURANTS, CONFERENCE ROOMS, AND SHOPS. THREE PEOPLE WERE INJURED, TREATED AT LOCAL HOSPITALS, AND RELEASED. THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE SUSPECTS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN ELEMENTS OR MIDDLE EASTERN GOVERNMENT AGENTS CARRIED OUT THE BOMBING. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUSPECTS THAT THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT WAS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

18. TWO LIBYANS WERE DEPORTED FROM ZIMBABWE IN 1991. ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN THE NOVEMBER 3 EDITION OF THE HARARE SUNDAY TIMES, THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE DEPORTED THE TWO LIBYANS IN AUGUST 1991 FOR "SECURITY REASONS." THE MEN--ABDUSSALIM ELGMATT, AN EDITORIAL COORDINATOR OF THE WORLD MATHABA MAGAZINE, AND ALI KHALEF, A CLERK--WERE DEPORTED ON AUGUST 22. ELGMATT HAD PLANNED TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE, INCLUDING PRESIDENT MUGABE, AND LEADERS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE ZIMBABWEAN EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI ISSUED THE TWO MEN VISAS. IN JUNE 1989, THE THEN LIBYAN AMBASSADOR, MOHAMMED ISAMADAH, WAS ALSO EXPELLED FOR SECURITY REASONS.

#### 1E. MAJOR COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN IN 1991

19. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO CROSS BORDER ATTACKS IN 1991, FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS THE MOZAMBIKAN NATIONAL RESISTANCE (MNR OR RENAMO) HAS OPERATED ACROSS THE MOZAMBIQUE-ZIMBABWE BORDER, COMMITTING ATROCITIES ON BOTH SIDES. THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE RESPONDED BY DEPLOYING TROOPS ALONG THE EASTERN BORDER AND INTO PARTS OF MOZAMBIQUE TO COMBAT THE BANDITS. IN SEPTEMBER 1991, THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE AND USAID AGREED TO JOINTLY PROGRAM UP TO US\$500,000 TO CONSTRUCT RECEPTION CENTERS FOR REFUGEES FLEEING THE CONFLICT.

#### 1F. ZIMBABWEAN SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

110. ZIMBABWE DOES NOT SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. HOWEVER, THE PLO IS ACCORDED FULL DIPLOMATIC STATUS WITH AN ACCREDITED AMBASSADOR WHO IS THE DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE SO-CALLED STATE OF PALESTINE.

#### 1G. PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF TERRORISM

111. ALTHOUGH ZIMBABWE HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH CUBA, IRAN, NORTH KOREA, AND THE PLO, IT HAS NOT MADE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF A TERRORIST-SUPPORTING COUNTRY ON A TERRORISM ISSUE.

#### 1H. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ATTITUDE TOWARD TERRORISM

112. THE GULF WAR HAS LED THE GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD TERRORISM AND TERRORIST-SUPPORTING STATES OVER THE PAST YEAR. RELATIONS WITH IRAQ, IN PARTICULAR, HAVE COOLED, AS HAVE RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND LIBYA.

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